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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN-SENEGALESE RELATIONS

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1. WE CONCUR WITH COMMENT IN REFTEL THAT MAURITANIAN-SENEGALESE RELATIONS ARE ON REASONABLY EVEN KEEL DESPITE CONTINUING NAGGING DIFFERENCES, E.E., OVER THE BORDER DEMARCATION AND ON CURRENCY CONTROL.

2. SURFACE SOLIDARITY, AT LEAST, WAS REINFORCED IN RECENT WARM TELEGRAM FROM PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR. ACCORDING TO MAY 27 OFFICIAL NEWS SHEET, NOUAKCHOTT INFORMATION, OULD DADDAH EXPRESSED "HIS STRONGEST HOPE FOR SEEING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, WHICH UNITE SO HAPPILY OUR BROTHER COUNTRIES AT THE BILATERAL LEVEL AS WELL AS IN THE CONTEXT OF OMVS AND AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, STRENGTHEN EVEN MORE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR COMMON IDEALS OF AFRICAN UNITY, PEACE, AND JOINT PROGRESS."

3. COMMENT: OULD DADDAH'S TELEGRAM TO SENGHOR WAS TRANSMITTED ON FLIMSIST OF PRETEXTS, GME. OCCASION OF HIS OVERFLIGHT OF SENEGAL EN ROUTE TO ECOWAS MEETING IN LAGOS. ALTHOUGH HE HAS SENT SIMILAR CABLES TO OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREVIOUS OCCASIONS WHILE OVERFLYING THEIR COUNTRY, IT IS

NOT A REGULAR PRACTICE. WE SUSPECT TELEGRAM WAS DESIGNED
TO PUT GOOD PUBLIC IMAGE ON STATE OF MAURITANIAN-SENEGALESE
RELATIONS. HANDYSIDE

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